



KENTUCKY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL JACK CONWAY

2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Cyber Crimes Unit

- ▶ Even facing 18% budget cuts, in June I restructured our office to create a Cyber Crimes Unit
- ▶ Formed partnerships with state, federal and local law enforcement agencies
- ▶ Joined ICAC task force
- ▶ Investigate online crimes
- ▶ Seized more than 7,000 child porn images and videos
- ▶ Have nine active child porn cases
- ▶ 80% of crimes involve digital forensics
- ▶ Assisted 12 local law-enforcement agencies process digital forensics
- ▶ Regional evidence training to help prosecutors and police preserve and process digital forensics, 4 completed this summer
- ▶ Microsoft conducted a free training for law enforcement officers; we were one of only 9 states chosen for the training
- ▶ 400 police officers and prosecutors have attended our trainings
- ▶ Opened a digital forensics lab in our office – processed 101 hard drives and completed 41 forensics examinations



Cybersafety Education

- ▶ School-wide workshops across the state
- ▶ Presented program to more than 14,000 students this year
- ▶ Hosted conference in November for 350 parents, educators and prosecutors
- ▶ Presenters included folks from MySpace and Facebook
- ▶ Formed partnership to conduct regional workshops for parents
- ▶ Brokered agreements with MySpace and Craigslist



Legislation

- ▶ Looked at areas where the law lags technology
- ▶ Crime for sex offenders to visit MySpace and Facebook
- ▶ 50,000 sex offenders kicked off MySpace in first 12 months after we brokered our agreement
- ▶ Criminalizes online distribution and exposure violations performed via webcam
- ▶ Database of online identifiers and email addresses used by registered sex offenders
- ▶ Asset forfeiture
- ▶ I am prefiling this legislation.

Drug Diversion

- ▶ 240 active cases
- ▶ 105 cases opened in 2008
- ▶ The Drug Branch is receiving a \$50,000 grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators to form a statewide Attorney General's Drug Diversion Task Force
- ▶ The task force will utilize our employees and personnel from other law enforcement agencies
- ▶ Our drug branch is currently a statewide recognized expert in the enforcement of prescription drug diversion investigations
- ▶ Currently have full-time investigators assigned to Operation UNITE and HIDTA to fight prescription drug abuse

Consumer Protection

- ▶ Obtained relief of more than \$4.5-million in loans for 2,200 students of the now defunct Decker College; the agreement cancelled some students' liability for loans due to the school's failure
- ▶ Announcing a settlement next week with Mattel over allegations that the toy manufacturer violated state and federal standards when it failed to prevent the sale of toys that contained toxic levels of lead
- ▶ Continued \$89 million price-gouging lawsuit against Marathon Asked Federal Trade Commission to review merger of Marathon and Ashland oil after a price spike in Louisville this summer
- ▶ Launched a price-gouging investigation after Hurricane Ike

Medicaid Fraud & Abuse

- ▶ Obtained \$23 million from civil settlements working with other Medicaid Fraud units from other states
- ▶ This is an increase of \$19-million from last year!
- ▶ Stepped up our criminals cases
- ▶ This year we've opened 84 criminal investigations that have resulted in 46 indictments for neglect or abuse. Last year we opened 62 investigations and indicted 16 people.



Victim Advocacy

- ▶ Awarded \$200,000 in grants to fund victim advocates in different parts of the state
- ▶ Received \$110,000 grant to train prosecutors and investigators in handling child sexual abuse cases

Rate Intervention

- ▶ Handled 11 rate cases in front of the PSC
- ▶ Saved consumers \$1.25-million

Special Prosecutions

- ▶ To date, the unit has opened 722 new cases and closed 798 cases; current active case load of 104 cases.
- ▶ Jessica Currin convictions
- ▶ Cybercriminal pleads guilty in Logan County

Criminal Appeals

- ▶ Received 1,157 new cases in 2008, 17 issues before the United States Supreme Court, 232 issues before the Kentucky Supreme Court
- ▶ Marco Allen Chapman execution
- ▶ Baze-Bowling Case in U.S. Supreme Court
- ▶ Michael Carneal appeal



Prosecutors Advisory Council

- ▶ Most successful Kentucky Prosecutors' Conference yet this year with over 700 attendees.
- ▶ Three regional DUI trainings last year, conducted by Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Bob Stokes, attended by approximately 100 prosecutors and law enforcement attendees
- ▶ Training for prosecutors and law enforcement in how to more effectively prosecuting DUI cases and other alcohol related crimes
- ▶ Electronic document management system, SentryFile, implemented to convert several years worth of old financial and personnel files into electronic format; moving toward a paperless office system

Administrative Services Division

- ▶ Helped institute 18% budget cuts without layoffs Coordinated the retirements of 10% of the OAG workforce
- ▶ Secured new office space for OAG in Louisville